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BIOPESTICIDES & POLLUTION PREVENTION DIVISION

BPPD Participates in University of Cape Town Online Pesticides Discussion Forum.

On May 22, 2014, members of the Microbial Pesticides Branch were invited to participate in an online discussion forum titled "Biopesticides in the U.S." The forum was conducted through the University of Cape Town (UCT), South Africa, and included international participants from government and academia from North America, Europe, and Africa. Shannon Borges led the discussion, which covered topics ranging from pesticide registration procedures for biopesticides in various countries, differences in data requirements between conventional and biopesticides, and challenges to biopesticide registration where resources are limited. Overall, the participants expressed appreciation about the exchange of information on biopesticide regulation, and UCT requested BPPD to lead a future discussion about biopesticides. (Shannon Borges, 703-305-7175; Kimberly Nesci, 703-308-8059).

School IPM Host EPA Schools Quarterly VTC Meeting. On May 29, BPPD's Center of Expertise (CoE) for School IPM hosted and facilitated the first of a series of EPA Schools Program video teleconference meetings. The EPA Schools Program helps schools and communities take action to protect children's health in one of the most important places - where children learn. At the meeting, participants exchanged information and discussed agency-wide strategies to further enhance collaboration and coordination of the Schools Program. The CoE provided a school IPM primer to increase proficiency for external stakeholder interaction. Participants represented school and regional coordinators within each program office, including OPP, the Office of Children's Health Protection, the Office of Environmental Education, the Office of Air and Radiation (Indoor Environments Division, and Energy Star), all 10 Regional offices, and Puerto Rico. (Thomas Cook, 214-665-9731).

PESTICIDE RE-EVALUATION DIVISION

Fluazifop-P-Butyl First Registration Review Team Meeting Held. Recently, team members met to discuss the registration review process for Fluazifop-p-butyl. Fluazifop-p-butyl is a selective, post-emergent herbicide registered for the control of perennial and annual grass weeds. Currently, it is registered for use on a number of food and feed including soybeans, cotton and carrots. It is also registered for use on lawns/turf. In early July, the team is requesting a focus meeting with the registrants and U.S. Department of Agriculture to discuss the agricultural and non-agricultural uses of Fluazifop-p-butyl. The registration review docket initiating a 60-day public comment period on the Fluazifop-p-butyl is scheduled to open December 2014, and will include a Preliminary Work Plan and supporting documents. (Matthew Manupella, 703-347-0411)

PRD and EFED Meet with Industry Task Force II on 2,4-D Research Data. On May 27, 2014, PRD and EFED met with the 2,4-D Task Force to discuss the acute avian toxicity data requirement, which was required as part of the registration review process in a 2013 Data Call-in. The Task Force had questions regarding the protocol of the study. In response, EFED provided recommendations on how best to conduct with the study. 2,4-D is an herbicide that is registered for use on many agricultural crops and in non-agricultural and industrial use sites, including residential turf. The 2,4-D registration review docket is EPA-HQ-OPP-2012-0330. (Garland Waleko, 703-308-8049)

Sulfur Proposed Interim Registration Review Decision Signed. On May 28, 2014, OPP signed the Proposed Interim Registration Review Decision for Sulfur (Case Number 0031; Docket EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0176). Sulfur has a number of conventional uses as well as gas cartridge uses. This proposed interim decision is scheduled to be announced in the Federal Register Notice on June 4, 2014. OPP will update the docket with sulfur's proposed interim decision document, two addendum documents for an ecological risk assessment, an updated incident report, a benefits assessment, and the endangered species protection bulletin maps for nine states. (Tanja Crk, 703-308-8202)

Ancymidol Proposed Interim Registration Review Decision Signed. On May 27, 2014, the Proposed Interim Registration Review Decision was signed and is expected to post for a 60-day comment period on June 4, 2014. Ancymidol is a plant growth regulator used primarily by the nursery and floriculture industry. Based on qualitative risk assessments, the agency concluded no human health or ecological risks of concern and a "No effects" determination was made for listed species. (Christina Scheltema, 703-308-2201)

OPP Holds Mancozeb Meeting with California's "Reach the Decision Makers". On May 29, 2014, OPP staff from PRD, HED, FEAD and RD met with a multi-disciplinary team that is part of a training fellowship (called Reach the Decision Makers) administered through the University of California at San Francisco. The team is comprised of several research scientists, a physician, an attorney, and a farmworker advocate from the Farmworker Association of Florida. The team presented their concerns regarding occupational exposure to mancozeb and potential reproductive effects. This concern is based on the team's systematic review of mancozeb literature, which it will formally submit to the agency for consideration in registration review. The public portion of the mancozeb registration review is scheduled to begin in June 2015, with the posting of the preliminary work plan and supporting documents for comment. (Tracy Perry, 703-308-0128)

Glyphosate Team Meets with Moms Across America. On May 27, 2014, team members from EFED, HED, FEAD and PRD met with members of the activist group Moms Across America (MAA) and representatives from Consumers Union, Natural Resources Defense Council, Beyond Pesticides, and several other small Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) to discuss the registration review of glyphosate. MAA voiced their concerns about residues of glyphosate being present in their children's food and possibly in breast milk and presented testimony from their members in support of a glyphosate-free and Genetically-Modified Organism (GMO)-free diet. Other topics discussed include the Agency's policy for pesticide risk assessment, the registration review schedule for glyphosate, the Agency's quideline for reviewing open literature studies, and possible future independent research on glyphosate residues in breast milk. MAA recently supported a national campaign where hundreds of MAA members called EPA employees at headquarters and in the regions with demands to rescind the registration of glyphosate because of what they believe to be serious health issues caused by exposure to it and the GMO crops it is used on. Glyphosate is a non-selective, phosphonomethyl amino acid herbicide that is registered for use to control weeds in over 100 terrestrial food crops and nonagricultural, non-crop, residential, and aquatic areas. Glyphosate is also registered for use on glyphosate-resistant crop varieties such as canola, corn, cotton, soybean, sugar beet, and wheat. The registration review docket opened in July 2009 and the preliminary risk assessment is scheduled to be published in late 2014. (Khue Nguyen, 703-347-0248)

Diazinon Team Members Teleconference with ADAMA Agricultural Solutions. On May 19, team members from EFED, HED, RD, BEAD, and PRD teleconferenced with ADAMA Agricultural Solutions (formerly Makhteshim Agan of North America) to discuss the registration review of diazinon. The Agency provided a summary table of diazinon use patterns developed by the team which highlighted areas where use patterns were not clearly described on product labels. The Agency asked ADAMA to provide information regarding the use patterns in question prior to initiation of the risk assessment. Other topics discussed include the upcoming preliminary risk assessment and next steps of the registration review process. Diazinon is a restricted use organophosphate insecticide, acaricide, and nematicide that is registered for use to control pests on a number of fruits, vegetables, nuts, ornamentals grown in nurseries, and in cattle ear tags. The registration review docket opened in June 2008 and the preliminary risk assessment is scheduled to be published in 2015. (Khue Nguyen, 703-347-0248)

PRD Held Teleconference with Cheminova to Discuss Dimethoate Aerosol Inhalation Toxicity Study. On May 19, 2014, dimethoate team members held a conference call with Cheminova and some of their consultants to discuss the design of a 28-day aerosol inhalation toxicity study they proposed to conduct with dimethoate. The data that was discussed was not required as part of the

Generic Data Call In associated with the registration review of dimethoate, but Cheminova intends to conduct and submit additional data voluntarily. The preliminary risk assessment is scheduled to be released for public comment in September 2014. The Agency informed Cheminova that it does not anticipate altering its registration review schedule for dimethoate in order to incorporate the results of their planned study. Dimethoate is an organophosphate insecticide used on a variety of agricultural crops and there are no residential uses. (Kelly Ballard, 703-305-8126)

Presentation on Pollinator Protection Efforts at the National Cotton Council Meeting. On May 28, 2014, Tom Moriarty presented to the National Cotton Council (NCC) an overview of actions the EPA has taken to protect pollinators. The presentation provided to the Council was similar to presentations the EPA provided to other stakeholders and included information on efforts to advance the science, including the EPA's new risk assessment process for bees, and efforts to advance risk management for bees, such as (i) its work with the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee, (ii) its efforts to reduce dust drift; (iii) efforts to work with state lead agencies; and (iv) its efforts to improve pollinator protection label language. The NCC indicated that it considered pollinator protection a priority and will look for ways to collaborate with the EPA in this arena. (Tom Moriarty, 703-305-5035)

ANTIMICROBIALS DIVISION

AD Meets with California DPR and Health Canada PMRA. On May 22, 2014, AD staff met with representatives from the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) and the Health Canada Pesticide Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) to discuss recent developments in human health exposure assessment of antimicrobial pesticides. Both Occupational and Residential Exposures (ORE) and dietary exposures were discussed. ORE topics included the status of handler studies being conducted by the Antimicrobial Exposure Assessment Task Force (AEATF) and the status of the AD SOPS for Residential Exposure Assessment. Dietary exposure topics included tolerances and exemptions for antimicrobials, exposure assessment using FDA methodology and exposure assessment using models such as Incidental Dietary Residential Exposure Assessment Model (IDREAM). (Timothy Dole, 703-304-6450)

Copper Task Force Meets with Antimicrobial Division Staff. On May 27, 2014, personnel from AD met with some of the American Chemistry Council Copper Task Force (CTF) members to discuss some monitoring data for copper and water chemistry parameters in freshwater lakes which are large enough to support marinas. There has been an on-going dialogue between the AD exposure assessors and the CTF which is attempting to build a US based freshwater scenario

for the <u>Marine Antifoulant Model to Predict Environmental Concentrations</u> (MAMPEC). The task force had requested the meeting to present their preliminary findings and talk about the next steps for model development. Donna Kamarei (703-347-0443) and Laura Parsons (703-305-5776).

EPA Discusses Treated Articles with PMRA. On Wednesday May 28, 2014, the AD regulatory branch chiefs and the Associate Director of OECA's Waste and Chemical Enforcement Division participated in a conference call with Canada's Pesticide Management Regulatory Agency regarding the regulation of items treated with pesticides (also known as "treated articles"). Topics included the circumstances under which a treated article would need to be registered as a pesticide product, requirements for importation, and an overview of compliance and enforcement of treated articles. PMRA is currently developing a treated articles policy and requested the call to get a better understanding of EPA's approach as it considers options. (Lance Wormell 603-0523; John Hebert 308-6249)

FIELD & EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

<u>Transformed Web Content on Rodenticides Published</u>. We have completed and published the eighth transformed pesticide Web area, <u>Controlling Rodents and Regulating Rodenticides</u>. The site includes information on the regulation of rodenticide products, a list of the bait products that meet EPA standards, information on the new agreement to cancel the 12 rodenticide products that don't meet EPA standards and other information on preventing and controlling rodents. Staff from PRD and the IO were key to completing this work, as was the Web Team. (Karen Angulo; 306-0404; Claire Gesalman, 308-3260)

BIOLOGICAL & ECONOMIC ANALYSIS DIVISION

BEAD Excellence in Government (EIG) Fellow Continues Team Conference Calls. BEAD EIG Fellow, Jafrul Hasan, participated in two conference calls this week with other EIG team members from the Department of State, Department of Transportation, Department of Energy and food and Drug Administration to discuss the progress of an assigned project as part of the Fellowship program. The assigned project is intended to address a critical federal government challenge as to why some federal agencies are struggling with a major diversity issue such as gender gap. While the percentage of women across Government was 43% in 2012, the percentage is only 25% or less for some agencies! The gender gap, however, has not been an issue for EPA. For the last four decades, women have made up nearly half of EPA's workforce. However, as part of best practice benchmarking, the BEAD Fellow has been researching how, when and whether EPA indeed addressed the gender-related diversity issue and succeeded in eliminating the gap. In an effort to dig out more relevant information, the BEAD

Fellow has been in contact with various offices (e.g., Office of Diversity, Advisory Committee Management and Outreach; and the Office of Human Resources) under the Office of Administration and Resource Management (OARM). (Jafrul Hasan, 410-305-2657)

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & RESOURCES MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Global Harmonized Submission Transport Standard nears reality. The OECD Expert Group on the Electronic Exchange of Pesticides Data with representation by Bob Schultz (ITRMD) and co-chaired by Phil Villanueva (IO) met last week to identify an implementation plan for the Global Harmonized Submission Transport Standard (GHSTS). The GHSTS, a standard for the packaging of electronic materials (data, documents, etc.) for submission to regulatory authorities worldwide, having recently been approved by the OECD Joint Meeting is now moving into the implementation phase. With the expectation that the GHSTS will be implemented by both the pesticide industry and regulatory authorities over the next few years, the twenty-some member Expert Group discussed requirements for governance and oversight of the GHSTS and supporting components. The Group also discussed the need for internationally recognized single repositories for chemical and company identification to support work sharing along with the creation of style sheets for the viewing of study summary information from a structured data format. An update on the IULCID version 6 release scheduled for later 2015 was also provided. (Bob Schultz 703-308-8186)

<u>Minor Use Website Published</u>. The ITRMD Web Team worked with the Minor Use Team to migrate the Minor Uses and Grower Resources web pages into the Drupal WebCMS environment. For more information, please refer to http://www2.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/minor-uses-and-grower-resources (ITRMD Web Team, 703-605-0564)

<u>Pesticide Spray and Dust Drift Web Page Revised</u>. The ITRMD Web Team worked with the OPP/IO to revise the Pesticide Drift web page on the Pesticides website. The revised version also included the new FR Notice on Pesticide Spray Drift Technologies, which has a comment period that ends on June 27, 2014. For details on the updated information, please visit http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/factsheets/spraydrift.htm (Christine Tran 305-1577)

2014 Pesticide Regulatory Education Program (PREP) Grants Announced. The ITRMD Web Team and ITRMD/FMPB published the Funding Opportunity Announcement for the PREP Grants on the Pesticides website on May 22, 2014. Under this program OPP/OC will provide financial assistance on an annual basis to carry out a pesticide education training program. For more information, please

visit the Grants web page at http://www.epa.gov/pestwise/grants/index.html (Christine Tran, 703-305-1577)

<u>Program Coordinators of the Leaders and Learners Collaborative Mentoring</u>

<u>Program (LLCMP)</u> For the past 3 years, OCSPP (IO/OPP/OPPT) has joined a group of seven other organizations and one regional office to offer a mentee/mentor program for its management and staff—the LLCMP. Applications were required and we are now in the third round of the above successful program. Overall this round—we have 131 mentees, 101 formal mentors, and 17 situational mentors. This round, OPP has 18 mentees, 8 formal mentors, and 2 situational mentors. Based on the success of our program, we have been awarded the above very prestigious award by the Training Officers Consortium which will be presented June 10 at Ft. McNair. (OCSPP Coordinators: Kate Graf, Trish Coleman, and Sam Brown) (Patricia (Trish) Coleman, 703/305-5518)

OPP FOIA Request Status Report - May 19- 23, 2014								
Requests Received		Requests Closed			Requests Open			
FY14	This week	FY14	FYTD	This Week	FY14	Prior Years	Total	
353	7	220	297	12	133	240	373	

(Ana Espinoza, 703-347-0102)

ENVIRONMENTAL FATE & EFFECTS DIVISION

Bee Pollinator Attractive Crop List. The USDA and EPA are coordinating efforts to develop a list of crops that are grown in the United States and their relative attractiveness to honeybees, bumblebees, and solitary bees. The list also includes information on the need for bee pollination and commercial pollination, as well as acreage and other relevant agronomic information. The list will be an informational tool for risk assessors in EFED at both the Problem Formulation and Risk Description phases of the risk assessment for identifying pathways of exposure for pollinating bees as well as potential mitigation options. On May 29, Joseph DeCant (EFED) presented the current status and overview of this project to the Terrestrial Exposure Technology Team. The crop list is currently in the development and initial review stage. (Joseph DeCant, 703-347-8063).

HEALTH EFFECTS DIVISION

Meeting with the National Pest Management Association (NPMA): Staff from several divisions met to discuss how NPMA can work with EPA during fumigant Registration Review. NPMA presented an overview of the professional pest management industry and its perspective concerning fumigants and their role within the industry. EPA followed with an update of the Registration Review status of different fumigants. These included: Ethylene Oxide; Propylene Oxide; Aluminum Phosphide; Magnesium Phosphide; Phosphine; Chloropicrin; Sulfuryl Fluoride; and Methyl Bromide. The meeting concluded with a discussion about the new quarantine uses (labels) for methyl bromide. (Ivan Nieves, 305-6382)

HED/PRD meet on the Pyrethrin Stewardship Program (PSP): CEB/TEB staff (David Miller, James Nguyen, Shanna Recore and Elizabeth Evans) met with PRD (Garland Waleko and Cathryn Britton) to discuss the review of the fourth year of data submitted by the Pyrethrin Joint Venture (PJV)'s Pyrethrins Stewardship Program (PSP). The PSP was initiated in 2010 to meet the condition of registration in the Pyrethrins RED to investigate a potential association between pyrethrin use and asthma/allergies among groups with these health conditions. The RED required annual data reports from the PJV for at least 5 years. The 2013 data submission was recently submitted by the PJV registrants, providing EPA with 4 years of data submissions. Collection of data from the fifth and final year is currently underway. Plans to analyze the 2010-2013 data in preparation for a meeting with the PJV were discussed. (Elizabeth Evans, 305-7891; James Nguyen)

Meeting with Farmworker Association of Florida to Discuss Mancozeb: OPP staff met with representatives from Emory University and the Farmworker Association of Florida to discuss occupational exposure to mancozeb and the reproductive health of farmworkers. The meeting was held as part of the "Reaching the Decision makers" program. This group conducted a review of mancozeb that includes systematic review of epidemiological and toxicological studies. The group presented on risks of concern they identified and made recommendations to OPP. They would like EPA to systematically consider the reproductive and pregnancy health impacts of chronic occupational pesticide exposure to mancozeb for farmworkers during the reregistration process, to extend the reentry interval for mancozeb, and to consider buffer zones and personal protective equipment. Mancozeb, an EBDC, will undergo the Registration Review process in 2015. (Elizabeth Evans, 305-7891)

Conference Call on Proposed OECD Test Guideline for Inhalation Toxicity of Nanomaterials: The US (OPPT) proposed revisions to the OECD inhalation test guidelines to accommodate nanomaterials at the recent annual meeting of National Coordinators of the OECD Test Guideline program. A few countries had concerns about some aspects of the proposed project that were considered

mandatory. Christine Olinger, the US National Coordinator for the OECD Test Guideline (TG) Program, along with Maria Doa and Phil Sayre of OPPT, held a conference call with OECD Administrators and a representative from the Netherlands to further discuss the European concerns. The US agreed to slightly modify the project proposal to allow for some literature review to address their concerns prior to drafting the revised TGs. The OECD Working Party of Manufactured Nanomaterials (WPMN) will be meeting in Paris next week. (Chris Olinger, 305-5406)

REGISTRATION DIVISION

Dimethoate Product Reregistration Case Closed On May 28, 2014, the Registration Division completed reregistering all products containing the active ingredient, dimethoate, in accordance with the Dimethoate Reregistration Eligibility Decision (RED). Of the 55 registrations that were subject to the product-specific data callin, 21 were reregistered and 34 were voluntarily cancelled. Dimethoate is a systemic organophosphate insecticide that can be applied by ground or aerial equipment to control piercing, sucking, and chewing insects on a large variety of field grown agricultural crops, tree crops, and ornamentals. Label changes included updating the precautionary language; revising the PPE (personal protective equipment) requirements, and removing certain food crops and all non-agricultural uses. (Julie Chao, 703/308-8735; Venus Eagle, 308-8045; Jennifer Urbanski, 347-0156)

Registration Actions Granted Under FIFRA Section 18 Emergency Exemptions								
State/Federal Agency	Chemical Emergency Exemption Number	Product Name EPA Reg/ File Symbol	Crop/Site	Pest	Authorization Date			
Specific Exemption(s):								
Washington	Lambda-cyhalothrin 14-WA-02	Warrior II (100-1295)	Asparagus	European Asparagus Aphid	5-22-2014			
Keri Grinstead, 703/308-8373								
North Carolina	Dinotefuran 14-NC-02 14-NC-03	Venom® Insecticide (59639-135) Scorpion® 35SL Insecticide (10163-317)	Pome Fruit Stone Fruit	Brown Marmorated Stinkbug	5-28-2014			
Pennsylvania	Dinotefuran 14-PA-02 14-PA-03	Venom® Insecticide (59639-135) Scorpion® 35SL Insecticide (10163-317)	Pome Fruit Stone Fruit	Brown Marmorated Stinkbug	5-28-2014			
Andrea Conrath, 703/308-9356								
South Carolina	Terbufos 14-SC-03	Counter 20G (5481-562)	Cotton	Southern Root Knot Nematode	5-30-2014			
Stacey Groce, 703/305-2505								

Registration	Actions Completed Under th	e Pesticide Regist	ration Impr	ovement Act (P	RIA)		
Chemical	Company	Registration Number	Action Code*	Due Date	Response Date		
The Herbicide Branch granted:							
Glyphosate- isopropylammonium	United Suppliers, Inc.	33270-15	R340	6/20/2014	5/29/2014		
Erik Kraft, 703/308-9358							
The Insecticide Branch	granted:						
Pyriproxyfen	Chemsico Division of United Industries Corp	9688-321	R314	5/27/2014	5/21/2014		
	Olga Odiott, 703/308-9369						
Piperonyl butoxide	Clarke Mosquito Control Products	8329-40 8329-42 8329-43	R340	5/23/2014	5/23/2014		
		Alex	kander Be\	Wanda, 703/305	-7460		
Deltamethrin	Repar Corporation	69361-47	R301	6/3/2014	5/19/2014		
		Carly	n Petrella,	703/347-0439			
Ethofenprox	S. C. Johnson & Son Inc.	4822-601	R320	5/30/2014	5/29/2014		
	Kevin Sweeney, 703/305-5063						
The Insecticide-Rodent	icide Branch granted:						
Thiamethoxam	Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC	100-1527	R314	6/2/2014	5/29/2014		
Julie Chao, 703/308-8735							
Brodifacoum	Reckitt Benckiser	3282-112	R300	6/16/2013	5/29/2014		
		Jenn	ifer Gaines	, 703/305-5967			
	PRIA	Categories					
R300 - New product: identical or substantially similar in composition and use to a registered product: no data							

R300 – New product; identical or substantially similar in composition and use to a registered product; no data review or only product chemistry data; cite-all data citation or selective data citation where applicant owns all required data or submits specific authorization letter from data owner; category also includes 100% repackage of registered end-use or manufacturing-use product that requires no data submission or data matrix⁽²⁾, (3); R314 – New end use product containing two or more registered active ingredients never before registered as this combination in a formulated product; new product label is identical or substantially similar to the labels of currently registered products which separately contain the respective component active ingredients; requires review of data package within RD only; includes data and/or waivers of data for only: product chemistry and/or acute toxicity and/or public health pest efficacy and/or child resistant packaging⁽²⁾, (3); R320 – New product; new physical form; requires data review in science divisions⁽²⁾, and R340 – Amendment requiring data review within RD (e.g., changes to precautionary label statements)⁽²⁾, (3).

IMMEDIATE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee to meet June 5-6, 2014 The Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee will meet June 5-6, 2014 at the Potomac Yards conference center. PPDC Work Group meetings are scheduled for June 4: PPDC Pollinator Protection Work Group will meet from 9:00-12:00; PPDC Integrated Pest Management Work Group will meet from 1:00-4:00 and the PPDC 21st Century Toxicology Work Group will meet from 1:00-3:00. Agendas for these meetings are posted on the PPDC Web page at http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/ppdc/. A copy of the PPDC meeting agenda is attached. (Margie Fehrenbach 703 308-4775)